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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mr. Charles Terreni  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
P.O. Drawer 11649  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a Declaratory Order Against Charles Hamilton and/or Hamilton-Haynes Water System Requiring Certification as a Water Utility and the Posting of a Performance Bond  
**Docket No.: 2009-477-W**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On November 18, 2009, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a petition for declaratory order against Charles Hamilton and/or Hamilton-Haynes Water System in Docket No. 2009-477-W. On December 18, 2009, the Company filed a Letter of Intent with the Commission advising it would file an application seeking approval of water rates, terms and conditions, and the Commission established Docket No. 2009-512-W for the anticipated application.

It is ORS's understanding that the Company is working on its application and will file it with the Commission in the near future. Meanwhile, the prefiled testimony dates in ORS's declaratory order docket are rapidly approaching. Therefore, ORS respectfully requests the filing dates in the initial declaratory order docket be suspended to allow the Company an opportunity to file its application. However, ORS reserves the right to ask that the dates be reinstated and rescheduled should the Company fail to file its application in a timely manner.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Shealy Boland Reibold

cc: Charles Hamilton  
Carolyn H. Smith